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Testimony

In support of
Raised H.B. No. 7017, AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT DATA PRIVACY

Education Committee

March 19, 2015

Dear Senator Fleischmann, Representative Slossberg, Senator Boucher, Representative Lavielle and distinguished members of the Education committee.

My name is Representative Mike Bocchino and I represent the 150th district of the Town of Greenwich. I am testifying today in support of Raised H.B. 7017. I am grateful to the committee for raising this topic of what I believe is of a state and national concern. I have proposed similar bills because I have children in the school system as do many of my constituents. Upon learning of our state not having any student data privacy laws I of course was concerned as a parent and as a legislator for my constituents.

It is my understanding that the committee has addressed some online protections for students. That is a great start. I also understand that the bills that were put in by myself and other representatives that pertain to our state longitudinal data system known as P20-WIN were not included in the language of the draft. I respectfully ask the committee to add language addressing some of the concerns my constituents and I have namely to include:

- Parent Notification that this exists
- Parent access to the system for their own child(ren's) information and away to make sure the content is accurate

- To add a breach response policy for parents
- And to protect some of the non-academic personal information that has been left unprotected
- (there is a long list of those kinds of data elements but a common short list from other states is juvenile delinquency records;
criminal records
medical and health records;
student biometric information
- political affiliation, religious affiliation)
- Other states have addressed these areas in law and as a parent whose children will be inside of this system I can see some of the risk associated with it and would appreciate if the committee could go back and add protections and notifications around it.

Thank you for this opportunity and I hope you will join me in supporting HB 7017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bocchino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Bocchino" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Bocchino
State Representative
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